

## 425A MICROVOLT-AMMETER SERIALS PREFIXED: 002

## OPERATING AND SERVICING MANUAL

MODEL 425A<br>MICROVOLT-AMMETER

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## SPECIFICATIONS

## VOLTMETER

Voltage Range: Positive and negative voltages from 10 microvolt end scale to 1 volt end scale in an eleven step, 1, 3, 10 sequence.

Accuracy: Within $\pm 3 \%$ of end scale. Power line frequency variations of $\pm 5 \mathrm{cps}$ affect accuracy less than $\pm 2 \%$.

Input Impedance: 1 megohm $\pm 3 \%$.

## MICROAMMETER

Current Range: Positive and negative currents from 10 micromicroamperes end scale to 3 milliamperes end scale in an eighteen step, 1, 3, 10 sequence.

Accuracy: Within $\pm 3 \%$ of end scale. Power line frequency variations of $\pm 5 \mathrm{cps}$ affect accuracy less than $\pm 2 \%$.

Input Impedance: Depends on range, 1 megohm to 0.33 ohm .

| Range | Impedance | Range | Impedance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $10 \mu \mu \mathrm{a}$ | 1.000 megohm | . $3 \mu \mathrm{a}$ | 3300 ohms |
| $30 \mu \mu \mathrm{a}$ | 1.000 megohm | $1 \mu \mathrm{a}$ | 1000 ohms |
| $100 \mu \mu \mathrm{a}$ | 1.000 megohm | . 003 ma | 333 ohms |
| . $3 \mathrm{~m} \mu \mathrm{a}$ | 1.000 megohm | . 01 ma | 100 ohms |
| $1 \mathrm{~m} \mu \mathrm{a}$ | 1.000 megohm | . 03 ma | 33 ohms |
| $3 \mathrm{~m} \mu \mathrm{a}$ | 0.333 megohm | . 1 ma | 10 ohms |
| $10 \mathrm{~m} \mu \mathrm{a}$ | 0.100 megohm | .3 ma | 3.3 ohms |
| $30 \mathrm{~m} \mu \mathrm{a}$ | 0.033 megohm | 1 ma | 1.0 ohm |
| $.1 \mu \mathrm{a}$ | 0.010 megohm | 3 ma | 0.33 ohm |

## AMPLIFIER

Gain: 100,000 maximum.
AC Rejection: At least 3 db at $0.2 \mathrm{cps}, 50 \mathrm{db}$ at 50 cps and approximately 60 db or more above 60 cps . A power line or twice power line frequency signal 40 db greater than end scale causes less than $1 \%$ error.

Output: 0 to 1 volt for end scale reading, adjustable.
Output Impedance: 10 ohms, shunted by 5000 ohm potentiometer.
Noise: Less than $0.2 \mu \mathrm{v}$ rms (typically less than $1.2 \mu \mathrm{v} \mathrm{p}-\mathrm{p}$ ) referred to the input.
Drift: After 15 minutes warm-up drift is less than $\pm 4 \mu \mathrm{v}$ per hour referred to the input.

## GENERAL

Power: $115 / 230$ volts $\pm 10 \%, 60 \mathrm{cps}, 40$ watts. 50 cycle operation also available.
Dimensions: Cabinet Mount: 7-3/8" wide, 11-3/4" high, 12" deep.

Weight: Cabinet Mount: Net 17 lbs., shipping 23 lbs. Rack Mount: Net 21 lbs., shipping 33 lbs.

Accessories 425A-21B 1000:1 Divider Probe increases range of 425A to 1000 volts. DiviAvallable: sion accuracy $\pm 2 \%$, input resistance 10 megohms.

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## SECTION I GENERAL DESCRIPTION

## 1-1 GENERAL

The Model 425A DC Mic rovolt-Ammeter is an extremely sensitive measuring device which measures voltages from 1 microvolt to 1 volt and currents from 1 micromicroampere to 3 milliamperes. An input resistance of 1 megohm on all voltage ranges minimizes errors due to circuit loading.

The 425A can make measurements in circuits which are off ground potential, for the chassis and input circuit may be isolated from the cabinet.

The 425A provides an output which will drive either potentiometer or galvanometer recorders. It will deliver up to 1 milliampere at 1 volt.

## 1-2 APPLICATIONS

The 425A has many applications. For example, in engineering: it is an excellent null detector or dc amplifier, and it will measure vacuum tube grid currents and leakage currents in insulators and capacitors; in medicine and biology: it will measure nerve potentials and plant cell potentials; and in physics and chemistry: the 425A is useful in ionization chamber measurem ents and can monitor thermocouple and galvanic actions.

## 1-3 NOISE

Noise in the 425A is less than 0.2 microvolts rms referred to the input. Due to the random nature of noise, its magnitude is best expressed in terms of its rms value. Peak-to-peak value of the type of noise in the 425A is approximately six times the corresponding rms value. Peak-to-peak noise in a typical 425 A , as indicated by the meter, is approximately 1 microvolt referred to the input.

## 1-4 230-VOLT OPERATION

The 425A is normally wired for use from a 115 -volt, 60 cps power supply, but it can easily be converted
for use from a 230 -volt, 60 cps source by changing the dual ll5-volt primary windings of the power transformer from a parallel combination to a series combination. At the time of the change, replace the 1 ampere, slo-blo line fuse with a . 5 ampere, slo-blo fuse. See the schematic diagram for details.

## 1-5 POWER SOURCE FREQUENCY STABILITY

The 425A uses an ac-coupled amplifier which is tuned to a frequency $5 / 6$ designated power line frequency. A synchronous motor determines frequency of the signal applied to the amplifier. Thus the instrument must be operated from a power source which does not vary in frequency more than $\pm 5 \mathrm{cps}$. Most commercial power systems maintain frequency well within these limits; however, small portable power plants may not. Variations from designated power line frequency do not completely disable the instrument, but if large they will cause sluggish meter response and loss of accuracy.

## 1-6 50-CPS OPERATION

The 425A is normally shipped from the factory equipped to operate from a $60-\mathrm{cps}$ power source. To convert it to operate from a $50-\mathrm{cps}$ power source, you must change the rejection frequency of two twin-T filters from 50 cps to 41.7 cps . Both filters are contained in a single plug-in unit. Units designed to operate at 41.7 cps are available from the factory under stock number 425A-42B.

## 1-7 DAMAGE IN TRANSIT

Thoroughly inspect this instrument upon receipt. If there is any damage, see "Claim for Damage in Shipment" paragraph at the rear of this manual.

# SECTION II OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS 

## 2-1 PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS

## a. Low Level Electrical Phenomena

You must consider stray voltages which are due to low-level electrical phenomena when measuring signals in the microvolt region. Thermocouples (thermoelectric effect), the flexing of coaxial cables (triboelectric effect), apparent residual charges on capacitors even after they have been shorted for some time (dielectric absorption), the battery action of two terminals mounted on an insulator (galvanic action) can all produce stray voltages.

Errors due to thermal voltages alone can be appreciable. The probe of the 425A is designed to have a very low thermoelectric effect with copper, the most common electrical conductor. In application, other materials may be encountered. Some likely materials (with their approximate temperature-emf characteristics versus copper) are constantan ( $40 \mu \mathrm{v} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ), steel ( $8 \mu \mathrm{v} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ), manganin ( $3 \mu \mathrm{v} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ), aluminum ( $3 \mu \mathrm{v} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ), and brass $\left(2 \mu \mathrm{v} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. As an example, some high-grade wire-wound resistors are wound with constantan wire (known under the trade names of "Eureka", "Advance", and "Ideal"). If the 425 A is connected across such a resistor and there is $1.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ temperature difference between the ends of the resistor, 40 mic rovolts will be developed.

Stray low-level electrical phenomena are present, in one form or another, in nearly all circuits. To hold them within tolerable limits, carefully select components and control temperature gradients.

Some suggested sources of more detailed information are given below:

Thermocouples:
Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, 39th Edition, Chemical Rubber Publishing Company, Cleveland, 1957.

Low-noise cables: Data readily available from cable manufacturers.

Dielectric Absorption:

## b. Ground Currents

Ground currents may cause an offset of meter zero on lowest ranges of the 425A. These currents occur when the potential of the 425 A cabinet differs from ground potential of the circuit under test. They flow through the probe cable and ground lead of the power cable, producing a voltage drop which is added to the input signal. To break the ground loop and eliminate the ground currents, remove the metal shorting strap between chassis-ground and cabinet-ground terminals of OUTPUT connector on rear of the instrument. This procedure isolates chassis from cabinet.

## c. AC Voltages

The low-pass filter in the input circuit of the 425A provides more than adequate rejection of ac and transients normally encountered when measuring dc signals within range of the instrument. Choice of a modulator frequency different from line frequency prevents stray line-frequency pick-up from producing any error unless the ac amplifier is actually overdriven. Nevertheless, avoid excessive ac.

AC voltages can exist between chassis and cabinet without affecting accuracy of the instrument. For example, line frequency potential difference between chassis and cabinet can be 80 to 100 db greater than the full-scale dc value of the range selected. Maximum voltages between chassis and cabinet must not exceed 500 volts peak.

## 2-2 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

a. Attach probe to INPUT connector.
b. Turn instrument ON. It is ready for use within a minute. For maximum stability on lower ranges, allow approximately 15 minutes warm-up.
c. Set FUNCTION switch to desired function.
d. Set RANGE switch to desired range.
e. Clip probe and common clip together and adjust meter to zero with ZERO control. ZERO control has maximum range of about $\pm 50 \mu \mathrm{v}$; thus it has diminishing effect on higher ranges.

## NOTE

Do not handle the probe for three or four minutes prior to making zero adjustment on two most sensitive voltage and current ranges. Static charges and temperature gradients within the probe must have time to dissipate.
f. Connect probe to circuit. On more sensitive ranges, allow sufficient time for probe, common clip, and circuit connection points to reach thermal equilibrium before considering reading final.

## NOTE

Do not overload the instrument excessively on higher current ranges, for current-shunting resistors are not protected from extreme overload.

If 1 megohm input-shunting resistor is disconnected in your instrument, calibration of the nine lowest current ranges is altered. To use these ranges, either shunt instrument externally with a 1 megohm resistor or reconnect input-shunting resistor (see paragraph 4-10).

## 2-3 ISOLATING THE CHASSIS

To isolate chassis of the 425 A , remove the metal shorting strap between chassis-ground and cabinet-
ground terminals of OUTPUT connector located on rear of instrument. Potential difference between chassis and cabinet must not exceed 500 volts peak. Isolate chassis under following conditions:
a. Measurement is between two points which are both above ground potential.
b. Measurement is with respect to a ground which is itself isolated.
c. Measurement is made on a more sensitive range (precaution against ground currents).

## 2-4 OPERATION WITH A RECORDER

a. If conditions require isolation of 425A chassis, isolate recorder chassis.
b. Connect recorder to OUTPUT connector of 425A.
c. Clip probe and common clip together and select 1 VOLT range.
d. Set recorder zero to desired position on its scale.
e. Select 30 MICROVOLT range on 425A, and adjust ZERO control to produce end-scale deflection on meter ( 30 microvolts).
f. Calibrate system by adjusting output AMPLTTUDE control to produce desired deflection on recorder.
g. Set meter of 425 A to zero with ZERO control. The system is now ready to record your measurements. Remember that deflection of recorder is proportional to meter deflection of 425A regardless of range selected.

## SECTION III CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

## 3-1 GENERAL

If the 425 A is considered a black box with two input terminals and two output terminals, it is a dc amplifier. Block diagram of Figure 3-1 indicates what is between input and output terminals. The input signal is applied across the input resistance, and any ac superimposed on the signal is attenuated by the lowpass filter. A photoconductive modulator converts the filtered dc to a square wave whose frequency is set at $5 / 6$ power-line frequency by a light-beam chopper. The output of the modulator is amplified by a high-gain, ac-coupled amplifier tuned to modulator frequency by feedback through a rejectiontype filter. A synchronous demodulator, synchron-
ized with the modulator by the light-beam chopper, converts amplifier output to dc. A second-rejectiontype filter attenuates any remaining fundamental frequency component of the demodulator output. A dc cathode follower drives a meter, output circuit, and feedback attenuator which determines voltage gain of the instrument.

When operated as an ammeter, the 425A actually measures voltage drop across a calibrating input resistance. However, this resistance varies on all but five lowest ranges to keep full scale voltage drop across the input of the instrument to a maximum of 1 millivolt.


Figure 3-1. Block Diagram of 425A (power-line frequency $=60 \mathrm{cps}$ ).

## SECTION IV mantenance

## 4-1 GENERAL

A certain amount of trouble-shooting of the 425A can be done visually. Observation of tube heaters, glow of the regulator tubes, incandescent lamps, and meter response to changes of various control and adjustment settings will generally reveal the area of the faulty component if not the component itself. Some symptoms and their possible causes are listed in Table 1 , and a voltage-resistance chart is included in this section as a trouble-shooting aid in the event you do not find the faulty component visually.

The 425A is basically a simple instrument, and most troubles will be found with a minimum of effort. However, you might lose a great deal of time chasing down psuedo-troubles, particularly if they seem to appear on the most sensitive ranges. These troubles might appear as poor meter calibration, exaggerated zero drift, erroneous readings, etc. The 425A will measure accidental thermal voltages, voltages resulting from ground currents, and other stray voltages as well as the desired signal (see paragraphs $2-1$ and 2-2). Therefore, check the 425A against a reliable voltage and/or current source under controlled conditions whenever questionable troubles occur.

## 4-2 MECHANICAL ADJUSTMENT OF METER ZERO

If the meter pointer does not indicate exactly zero after 425A has been turned off for a few minutes, adjust its mechanical zero. The adjust screw is in the meter frame immediately below meter face. Proceed as follows:
a. Turn adjust screw in a clockwise direction until meter pointer reads up-scale on positive side of zero.
b. Continue turning adjust screw clockwise and set meter pointer exactly on zero.

## 4-3 PERIODIC CHECK OF CATHODE FOLLOWER BIAS ADJUSTMENT

Check cathode follower bias when you remove 425A from its shipping box. The reafter, only an occasional check is necessary.
a. Turn instrument ON. Allow 15 minutes to warm-up.
b. Set FUNCTION switch to VOLTAGE.
c. Set RANGE switch to . 003 MA .
d. Observe meter. If it reads approximately zero ( $\pm 5 \%$ of end-scale) check is complete.
e. If meter does not read approximately zero, adjust R47, BIAS adjustment potentiometer located on rear of instrument, to approximately zero meter. Meter response to this adjustment is slow.

## 4-4 CABINET REMOVAL

a. Remove the two retaining screws located on rear of cabinet.
b. Slide instrument forward out of cabinet. Bezel ring remains attached to front panel.

## 4-5 CHECK OF THE MODULATOR ASSEMBLY

1. Check of Modulator Action
a. Remove instrument from cabinet.
b. Remove cover plate from input-circuit assembly.
c. Set FUNCTION switch to VOLTAGE.
d. Set RANGE switch to 1 MA.
e. Connect probe to a dc signal between 1 and 5 volts.

TABLE 1

## SYMPTOM

Meter fails to respond to input signal, but responds to ZERO control.

Meter fails to respond to either input signal or ZERO control, but responds to bias control.

Meter fails to respond to either input signal or ZERO control on one range only.

Meter driven off negative end of scale.

Meter driven off positive end of scale.

Excessive noise indicated on meter.

Instrument operates normally except meter has slight zero offset on higher ranges, large switching transients on three lowest ranges.

Meter response very sluggish.

Meter response to ZERO control limited to positive side of zero.

On a particular range, meter drifts off zero with no input and instrument exhibits abnormally high sensitivity, but it operates normally on the two adjacent ranges.

## POSSIBLE CAUSE

Probe assembly defective.
INPUT connector defective.
Cable from INPUT connector to modular defective. Modulator assembly defective.

V1 and/or V2 and/or V3 defective.
Modulator assembly defective.
Demodulator assembly defective.
Contact on section D of RANGE switch defective.

Loss of $\mathrm{B}_{+}$.
V3 heater open.
Grid-cathode short in V3B.
V5 open.
Vl noisy.
Poor contact between VI pins and socket contacts. Noisy Zener diode, CRl or CR2.

Bias adjustment incorrect. R47 open.

Weak amplifier tubes. Demodulator assembly defective. Chopper light misaligned.

CRI shorted.

Contact on Section A of RANGE switch defective. Corresponding range resistor open.
f. Connect an oscilloscope to point where C4 is connected to circuit board. Connect common lead of oscilloscope to inner chassis. See Figure 4-2.
g. Energize 425A and observe modulator assembly output on oscilloscope. Figure 4-1 shows a typical waveform on oscilloscope having input impedance of 1 megohm. The waveform should have peak-topeak amplitude approximately equal to test signal voltage and frequency $5 / 6$ power-line frequency.
h. Disconnect test signal and oscilloscope. Replace cover of input-circuit assembly.
2. Check of Input Resistance
a. Set FUNCTION switch to VOLTAGE.
b. Select a convenient voltage range and check meter zero.
c. Connect probe to a voltage which produces endscale deflection of meter. Equivalent internal resistance of voltage source must be less than 1000 ohms.


Figure 4-1. Modulator Assembly Output
d. Insert a resistor of known value between voltage source and probe.
e. Note reading on the meter. Determine input resistance of 425 A from formula $\mathrm{Ri}=\frac{\mathrm{Ei}}{\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{Ei}} R$, in which Ri is internal resistance of $425 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{E}$ is voltage supplied by voltage source, Ei is voltage indicated by 425A with external resistor in series with voltage source, and R is resistance of external resistor. For example, if $R=1$ megohm and Ei $=1 / 2 \mathrm{E}, \mathrm{Ri}=1 \mathrm{megohm}$.

## 4-6 REPLACEMENT OF THE MODULATOR ASSEMBLY

Replace the modulator assembly as a unit; do not attempt to repair individual components. See Figure 4-2 and proceed as follows:
a. Disconnect C4 and leads from modulator assembly circuit board; they are connected to the board in the following order, starting from end closest to Vl : brown, red, C 4 , orange, input and pink (to the same point), yellow, black, black, and black. (Note coded letters along edge of board.)
b. Remove the two mounting screws which hold assembly in place. These screws are located above


Figure 4-2. Modulator Assembly
and below two plastic rods which enter input-circuit container from rear.
c. Carefully lift out the modulator assembly. Do not force it out, for the plastic rods may hinder its removal. If you must move the rods, spread their rear securing collars and slide them toward rear of instrument.
d. Place new assembly in position and secure it with the two mounting screws. Reposition the plastic rods if they were moved.
e. Connect external leads and C4 to assembly circuit board. Use only rosin-core solder.

## NOTE

Use small soldering iron and apply minimum heat when soldering to the circuit board. Clean board carefully and thoroughly when finished. Be sure to remove all solder flux.

f. Check new modulator assembly as described in paragraph 4-5.

## 4-7 CHECK OF THE DEMODULATOR ASSEMBLY

a. Remove instrument from cabinet.
b. Locate demodulator assembly. It is mounted straight back from the RANGE switch above a resistor board. (See Figure 4-5.)
c. Remove all leads connected to terminals of assembly. The leads are color-coded and connected to terminals in the following order: purplewhite (1 lead) toterminal farthest from main chassis blue-white ( 1 lead) to middle terminal; and blue (1 lead) to terminal nearest main chassis.
d. Connect a dc voltage between 1 and 5 volts across assembly (the two outer terminals).
e. Connect oscilloscope between middle terminal and either outer terminal. Oscilloscope must not present a dc path between its input terminals for this measurement.
f. Energize 425A and observe waveform on oscilloscope. Figure 4-1 shows a typical waveform on oscilloscope having input impedance of 1 megohm. Waveform should have peak-to-peak amplitude approximately equal to test signal voltage and frequency $5 / 6$ power-line frequency.

## 4-8 ADJUSTMENT OF THE TWIN-T FILTERS

a. Remove instrument from cabinet.
b. The two filters are contained in a single plug-in unit which is held in place by two retaining screws located at the bottom of either side of unit. Remove unit.
c. Connect a harmonic-free sinewave whose frequency is exactly $5 / 6$ power-line frequency between pins 6 and 8 of the plug base of unit.
d. Connect an oscilloscope of VTVM between pins 7 and 8 of plug base. Compare signal amplitude here with amplitude of the applied signal. If attenuation is approximately 60 db , check of this filter is complete.
e. If there is insufficient attenuation, remove U/shaped cover from unit. Four screws, one on each side and two on top, secure cover.
f. Alternately adjust R39 and R41 for minimum signal between pins 7 and 8 . The two potentiometers are located on the same side as pins 6 and 7 of octal plug.
g. Connect test signal as described in step c between pins 3 and 8 of plug base.
h. Connect oscilloscope or voltmeter between pins 2 and 8 of plug base. Compare signal amplitude here with amplitude of applied signal. If attenuation is approximately 60 db , check of this filter is complete.
i. If there is insufficient attenuation, remove U/shaped cover from unit. Four screws, one on each side and two on top, secure cover.
j. Alternately adjust R50 and R52 for a minimum
signal between pins 7 and 8 . The two potentiometers are located on the same side as pins 2 and 3 of octal plug.

## 4-9 DISCONNECTING THE INPUT-SHUNTING RESISTOR

On special order, the 425A will be shipped from factory with 1 megohm input-shunting resistor disconnected from the circuit. Input resistance of the
TO RECONNECT INPUT SHUNTING RESISTOR, CONNECT THESE TWO POINTS

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M P-S-346
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Figure 4-3. Connection Point of Input-Shunting Resistor
modified instrument exceeds 100 megohms on all voltage ranges. Modification can be performed in the field.

## NOTE

Calibration of the nine lowest current ranges of modified instrument is altered unless you externally shunt the input with a 1.00 megohm resistor.

Proceed as follows:
a. Remove instrument from cabinet.
b. Remove cover plate from input-circuit assembly.
c. See Figure 4-3 and locate indicated conductor strip on modulator assembly circuit board.
Note that the strip is located between two leads coming from underside of board.
d. Cut the narrow conducting strip at each end. Do not cut into broader section of the conducting material immediately around leads. Use sharp cutting tool such as razor blade.
e. Lift out the narrow strip of conducting material. Be careful not to lift any of remaining conducting material off board.

## 4-10 REPLACEMENT OF THE INPUT-SHUNTING RESISTOR

The input-shunting resistor remains physically in instrument when modification is made, whether at the factory or in the field. Therefore, the instrument can be restored to standard model at any time. Proceed as follows:
a. Remove instrument from cabinet.
b. Remove cover plate from input-circuit assembly.
c. See Figure 4-3 and locate indicated points on modulator assembly circuit board.
d. Connect these two points with a piece of copper wire. Solder both ends neatly, using only rosincore solder.

## NOTE

Use a small soldering iron and apply a minimum of heat when soldering to the circuit board. Clean board carefully and thoroughly when finished. Be sure to remove all solder flux.

## 4-11 METER CALIBRATION

a. Set mechanical adjustment of meter zero (see Para. 4-2)
b. Turn instrument ON. Allow 15 minutes warm-up
c. Check cathode follower bias adjustment (see Para. 4-3).
d. Set FUNCTION switch to VOLTAGE.
e. Set RANGE switch to 1 volt range.
f. Connect probe to 1 volt $\pm 1 \%$ DC source
g. Adjust R67, METER CAL to set meter pointer to exactly 1.0. R67 is located just behind meter on the chassis.

## SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM NOTES

1. Heavy solid line shows main signal path; heavy dashed line shows control, secondary signal, or feedback path.
2. Heavy box indicates front-panel engraving; light box indicates chassis marking.
3. Arrows on potentiometers indicate clockwise rotation as viewed from the round shaft end, counterclockwise from the rectangular shaft end.
4. Resistance values in ohms, inductance in microhenries, and capacitance in micromicrofarads unless otherwise specified.
5. Rotary switch schematics are electrical representations; for exact switching details refer to the switch assembly drawings.
6. Relays shown in condition prevailing during normal instrument operation.
7. $\ddagger$ indicates a selected part. See parts list.
8. Interconnecting parts and assemblies are shown on cable diagram.
9.     * Value adjusted at factory. Part may be omitted.

## VOLTAGE AND RESISTANCE DIAGRAM NOTES

1. Each tube socket terminal is numbered and lettered to indicate the tube element and pin number, as follows:
$*=$ no tube element
H $=$ heater
K $=$ cathode
G $=$ control grid
Sc $=$ screen grid
Sp $=$ suppressor grid
Hm $=$ heater mid-tap
IS $=$ internal shield

| $\mathbf{P}$ | $=$ plate |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{T}$ | $=$ target (plate) |
| $\mathbf{R}$ | $=$ reflector or repeller |
| $\mathbf{A}$ | $=$ anode (plate) |
| $\mathbf{S}$ | $=$ spade |
| $\mathbf{S h}=$ shield |  |
| $\mathbf{N C}=$ no external connection to socket |  |
| $\boldsymbol{\Delta}=$ indefinite reading due to circuit (see 2.) |  |

The numerical subscript to tube-element designators indicates the section of a multiple-section tube; the letter subscript to tube-element designators indicates the functional difference between like elements in the same tube section, such as $t$ for triode and $p$ for pentode.

A socket terminal with an asterisk may be used as a tie point and may have a voltage and resistance shown.
2. Voltages values shown are for guidance; values may vary from those shown due to tube aging or normal differences between instruments. Resistance values may vary considerably from those shown when the circuit contains potentiometers, crystal diodes, or electrolytic capacitors.
3. Voltage measured at the terminal is shown above the line, resistance below the line; measurements made with an electronic multimeter, from terminal to chassis ground unless otherwise noted.
4. A solid line between socket terminals indicates a connection external to the tube between the terminals; a dotted line between terminals indicates a connection inside the tube. Voltage and resistance are given at only one of the two joined terminals.


Figure 4-4. Left Side View of 425A


Figure 4-5. Lower Right Side View of 425A

## MODEL 425A <br> VOLTAGE-RESISTANCE DIAGRAM (VIEWED FROM BOTTOM)



Figure 4-6


FIGURE A-8 FUNCTION AND RANGE SWITCH DETAIL

## NOTE

In instruments of serial numbers 101 through 300, R78 has a value of 9100 ohms. In later instruments, R78 has a value of 10 K . This is the value shown on the schematic and listed in the Table of Replaceable Parts, and it is the correct value of the replacement resistor for all instruments.

## SECTION V <br> TABLE OF REPLACEABLE PARTS

## NOTE

Standard components have been used in this instrument, whenever possible. Special components may be obtained from your local Hewlett-Packard representative or from the factory.

When ordering parts always include:

1. (40) Stock Number.
2. Complete description of part including circuit reference.
3. Model number and serial number of instrument.
4. If part is not listed, give complete description, function and location of part.
 on an Instruction Manual Change sheet at the front of this manual.

RECOMMENDED SPARE PARTS LIST
Column RS in the Table lists the recommended spare parts quantities to maintain one instrument for one year of isolated service. Order complete spare parts kits from the Factory Parts Sales Department. ALWAYS MENTION THE MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBERS OF INSTRUMENTS INVOLVED.

TABLE OF REPLACEABLE PARTS


* See "List of Manufacturers Code Letters For Replaceable Parts Table".

TQ - Total quantity used in the instrument.
RS - Recommended spares for one year isolated service for one instrument.

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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { CIRCUIT } \\ & \text { REF. } \end{aligned}$ | DESCRIPTION, MFR. * \& MFR. DESIGNATION | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (tap STOCK } \\ & \text { NO. } \end{aligned}$ | TQ | RS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| R35 | Resistor: fixed, composition, 5600 ohms $\pm 10 \% .1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ | 0687-5621 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| R36 | Resistor: fixed, composition, 10 megohms $\pm 10 \%, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W} \quad B *$ | 0687-1061 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| R37 | Same as R20 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R38 | Same as R19 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R39 | Resistor: variable, composition, linear taper, $50,000 \text { ohms } \pm 20 \%, 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W} \quad \mathrm{BO} *$ | 2100-0141 | 4 | 1 |  |  |
| R40 | Resistor: fixed, deposited carbon, 284,000 ohms $\pm 1 \%, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}(60 \mathrm{cps}$ line) $\mathrm{NN} *$ | 0727-0230 | 2 | 1 | - |  |
|  | Resistor: fixed, deposited carbon, 360.000 ohms $\pm 1 \%, 1 \mathrm{~W}$ ( 50 cps line) $\mathrm{NN}^{*}$ | 0727-0235 |  |  |  |  |
| R41 | Same as R39 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R42 | Resistor: fixed, deposited carbon, 316,000 ohms $\pm 1 \%, 1 \mathrm{~W}(60 \mathrm{cps}$ line $) \quad \mathrm{NN}^{*}$ | 0730-0085 | 2 | 1 |  |  |
|  | Resistor: fixed, deposited carbon, 387,000 ohms $\pm 1 \%, 1$ W ( 50 cps line) NN* | 0727-0238 |  |  |  |  |
| R43 | Resistor: fixed, deposited carbon, 136,700 ohms $\pm 1 \%, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}(60 \mathrm{cps}$ line $) \quad \mathrm{NN} *$ | 0727-0216 | 2 | 1 |  |  |
|  | Resistor: fixed, deposited carbon, 166,000 ohms $\pm 1 \%, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}(50 \mathrm{cps}$ line) NN* | 0730-0076 | 2 | 1 |  |  |
| R44 | Same as R17 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R45 | Resistor: fixed, composition, 100,000 ohms $\pm 10 \%, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ | 0687-1041 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| R46 | Resistor: fixed, composition, 3900 ohms $\pm 10 \%, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ | 0687-3931 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| R47 | Resistor: variable, wirewound, 10,000 ohms G* | 2100-0053 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| R48 | Same as R16 |  |  |  |  |  |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| R67 | Resistor: variable, wirewound, 2000 ohms $\pm 10 \%, 2 \mathrm{~W}$ | 2100-0005 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| R68 | Resistor: fixed, deposited carbon, $500 \mathrm{ohms} \pm 1 \%, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W} \quad \mathrm{NN}^{*}$ | 0727-0077 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| R69 | Resistor: variable, wirewound, 5000 ohms $\pm 10 \%, 2 \mathrm{~W}$ $\mathrm{BO} *$ | 2100-0006 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| R70 | Resistor: fixed, composition, 10,000 ohms $\pm 10 \%, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ | 0687-1031 | 2 | 1 |  |  |
| R71 | Resistor: fixed, non-inductive metal film on glass rod body, 2400 ohms $\pm 5 \%, 4 \mathrm{~W}$ | 0770-0002 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| R72 | Resistor: fixed, composition, 820 ohms $\pm 10 \%, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ | 0693-8211 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| R73 | Resistor: fixed, composition, 390,000 ohms $\pm 10 \%, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ | 0687-3941 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| R74, 75 | Resistor: fixed, composition, 1 megohm $\pm 5 \%, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ | 0686-1055 | 3 | 1 |  |  |
| R76 | Same as R70 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R77 | Resistor: fixed, composition, 8200 ohms $\pm 5 \%, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ | 0686-8225 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| R78 | Resistor: fixed, composition, 10,000 ohms ${ }_{ \pm} 5 \%, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ $B^{*}$ | 0686-1035 | 1 | 1 | . |  |
| R79 | Resistor: fixed, composition, 220,000 ohms $\pm 5 \%, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ B* | 0686-2245 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| R80 | Resistor: variable, composition, linear taper, 1 megohm $\pm 30 \%$ | 2100-0074 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| R81 | Same as R74 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R82 | Resistor: fixed, composition, 18 ohms $\pm 10 \%, 2 \mathrm{~W}$ $B^{*}$ | 0693-1801 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| R83 | Same as R20 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R84 | Resistor: fixed, composition, 1500 ohms $\pm 10 \%, 2 \mathrm{~W}$ | 0693-1521 | 1 | 1 |  |  |

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## Aerovox Corp.

Allen-Bradley Co.
Amperite Co.
Arrow, Hart \& Hegeman
Busman Manufacturing Co.
Carborundum Co.
Centralab
Cinch-Jones Mfg. Co.
Hewlett-Packard Co.
Clarostat Mfg. Co.
Cornell Dubilier Elea. Co.
Hi-Q Division of Aerorox
Erie Resistor Corp.
Fed. Telephone \& Radio Corp.
General Electric Co.
General Electric Supply Corp.
Girard-Hopkins
Industrial Products Co.
International Resistance Co.
Lectrohm Inc.
Littlefuse Inc.
Maguire Industries Inc.
Micamold Radio Corp.
Oak Manufacturing Co.
P. R. Mallory Co., Inc.

Radio Corp. of America
Sangamo Electric Co.
Sarkes Tarzan
Signal Indicator Co.
Sprague Electric Co.
Stackpole Carbon Co.
Sylvanio Electric Products Co.
Western Electric Co.
Wilkor Products, Inc.
Amphenol
Dial Light Co. of America
Leecraft Manufacturing Co.

Astrol Corp.
Axil Brothers Inc.
Selden Manufacturing Co.
Bird Electronics Corp.
Barber Dolman Co.
Bud Radio Inc.
Allen D. Cordwell Mfg. Co.
Cinema Engineering Co.
Any brand tube meeting
RETMA standards.
Corning Glass Works
Dale Products, Inc.
The Drake Mfg. Co.
Eco Corp.
Hugh H. Aby Co.
Thomas A. Edison, Inc.
Fansteel Metallurgical Corp.
General Ceramics \& Steatite Corp.
The Gudeman Co.

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New Bedford, Mass.
Milwaukee 4, Wis.
New York, N. Y.
Hartford, Conn.
St. Louis, Mo.
Niagara Falls, N. Y.
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Polo Alto, Calif.
Dover, N. H.
South Plainfield, N. J.
Clean, N. Y.
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Clifton, N. J.
Schenectady 5, N. Y.
San Francisco, Calif.
Oakland, Calif.
Danbury, Conn.
Philadelphia 8, Pa.
Chicago 20, III.
Dis Planes, III.
Greenwich, Conn.
Brooklyn 37, N. Y.
Chicago 10, III.
Indianapolis, Ind.
Harrison, N. J.
Marion, III.
Bloomington, Ind.
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North Adams, Mass.
St. Marts, Pa.
Warren, Po.
New York 5, N. Y.
Cleveland, Ohio
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Wakefield, Mass.
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Kansas City, Mo.
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Cleveland 3, Ohio
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Burbank. Calif.

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Columbus, Neb.
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North Chicago, III.
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Sunnyvale, Calif.

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CT Potter-Brumfield Co.
CU Cannon Electric Co.
CV Dynac, Inc.
CW GoodAll Electric Mfg. Co.

CS Telefunken (c/o MVM, Inc.)
MANUFACTURER
Hammerlund Mfg. Co., Inc.
Industrial Condenser Corp.
Insuline Corp. of America
Jennings Radio Mfg. Corp.
E. F. Johnson Co.

Lens Electric Mfg. Co.
Micro-Switch
Mechanical Industries Prod. Co.
Model Eng. \& Mfg., Inc.
The Muter Co.
Ohmite Mfg. Co.
Resistance Products Co.
Radio Condenser Co.
Shalleross Manufacturing Co.
Solar Manufacturing Co.
Sealectro Corp.
Spencer Thermostat
Stevens Manufacturing Co.
Torrington Manufacturing Co.
Vector Electronic Co.
Weston Electrical Inst. Corp.
Advance Electric \& Relay Co.
E. I. DuPont

Electronics Tube Corp.
Aircraft Radio Corp.
Allied Control Co., Inc.
Aught Brothers, Inc.
Carter Radio Division
CBS Hytron Radio \& Electric
Chicago Telephone Supply
Henry L. Crowley Co., Inc.
Curtiss-Wright Corp.
Allen B. DuMont Labs
Excel Transformer Co.
General Radio Co.
Hughes Aircraft Co.
International Rectifier Corp.
James Knights Co.
Mueller Electric Co.
Precision Thermometer \& Inst. Co.
Radio Essentials Inc.
Raytheon Manufacturing Co.
Tung-Sol Lamp Works, Inc. Varian Associates
Victory Engineering Corp.
Weckesser Co.
Wilco Corporation
Winchester Electronics, Inc.
Marco Tool \& Die
Oxford Electric Corp.
Camloc-Fastener Corp.
George K. Garrett
Union Switch \& Signal
Radio Receptor
Automatic \& Precision Mfg. Co.
Bassick Co.
Birnboch Radio Co.
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San Jose, Calif.
Waseca, Minn.
Chicago 47, III.
Freeport, III.
Akron 8, Ohio
Huntington, Ind.
Chicago 5. III.
Skokie, III.
Harrisburg, Pa.
Camden 3, N. J.
Collingdale, Pa.
Los Angeles 58, Calif.
New Rochelle, N. Y.
Attleboro, Mass.
Mansfield, Ohio
Van Nuys, Calif.
Los Angeles 65, Calif.
Newark 5, N. J.
Burbank, Calif.
San Francisco, Calif.
Philadelphia 18, Pa.
Boonton, N. J.
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Culver City, Calif.
El Segundo, Calif.
Sandwich, III.
Cleveland, Ohio
Philadelphia 30, Pa.
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
Newton, Mass.
Newark 4, N. J.
Polo Alto, Calif.
Union, N. J.
Chicago 30, III.
Indianapolis, Ind.
Santa Monica, Calif.
Los Angeles 42, Calif.
Chicago 15, III.
Paramus, N. J.
Philadelphia 34, Pa.
Swissvale, Pa.
New York II, N. Y.
Yonkers, N. Y.
Bridgeport 2, Conn.
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## CLAIM FOR DAMAGE IN SHIPMENT

The instrument should be tested as soon as it is received. If it fails to operate properly, or is damaged in any way, a clain should be filed with the carrier. A full report of the damage should be obtained by the claim agent, and this report should be forwarded to us. We will then advise you of the disposition to be made of the equipment and arrange for repair or replacement. Include model number and serial number when referring to this instrument for any reason.

## WARRANTY

Hewlett-Packard Company warrants each instrument manufactured by them to be free from defects in material and workmanship. Our liability under this warranty is limited to servicing or adjusting any instrument returned to the factory for that purpose and to replace any defective parts thereof. Klystron tubes as well as other electron tubes, fuses and batteries are specifically excluded from any liability. This warranty is effective for one year after delivery to the original purchaser when the instrument is returned, transportation charges prepaid by the original purchaser, and when upon our examination it is disclosed to our satisfaction to be defective. If the fault has been caused by misuse or abnormal conditions of operation, repairs will be billed at cost. In this case, an estimate will be submitted before the work is started.

If any fault develops, the following steps should be taken:

1. Notify us, giving full details of the difficulty, and include the model number and serial number. On receipt of this information, we will give you service data or shipping instructions.
2. On receipt of shipping instructions, forward the instrument prepaid, to the factory or to the authorized repair station indicated on the instructions. If requested, an estimate of the charges will be made before the work begins provided the instrument is not covered by the warranty.

## SHIPPING

All shipments of Hewlett-Packard instruments should be made via Truck or Railway Express. The instruments should be packed in a strong exterior container and surrounded by two or three inches of excelsior or similar shock-absorbing material.

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